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## Pierce County Landmarks Commission Hosts Workshop for Historic Barn Owners

Puyallup – If you own an old barn in Pierce County or the surrounding area, are you aware of the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*? A program of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, this initiative established the Heritage Barn Register, a statewide list of historically significant barns. Owners of historic barns over fifty years old that retain a significant degree of historic integrity can nominate their barn to be designated as a Heritage Barn and be included in the statewide register. Moreover, owners of designated Heritage Barns are eligible to apply for matching grants available to assist with barn stabilization and rehabilitation projects.

The Pierce County Landmarks Commission will be hosting a **free** workshop on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the North Room of the Puyallup Public Library for barn owners wishing to learn more about the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*. Chris Moore, Field Director with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing program documents. The next deadline for nominating a barn to the Heritage Barn Register is October 7, 2011, with the deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds set for October 17, 2011. Come join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and to obtain assistance in participating in this valuable program.

The Puyallup Public Library is located at 324 South Meridian in Puyallup, WA. For more information about the workshop or the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* call Chris Moore at 206-624-9449 or visit [www.preservewa.org](http://www.preservewa.org). Complete information about the Heritage Barn Program, including nomination and application forms, can be found at [www.dahp.wa.gov](http://www.dahp.wa.gov).

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